RP won't extradite Commander Robot to Germany

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Palace boys buying 'Otso-otso' for GMA

By Juliet L. Javellana



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Bro. Eddie worries GMA

She fails to get a commitment from him not to run

By Juliet Labog-Javellana and Blanche S. Rivera

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo had an emotional meeting with Jesus Is Lord (JIL) leader Bro. Eddie Villanueva to dissuade him from pursuing his planned run for the presidency, but failed to elicit a commitment from him.

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'FPJ, Ping run won't divide opposition'

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Ople called a demigod, prophet, enigma

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Guns fall silent after gov't-MILF ceasefire

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Politicians start getting NPA passes

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Make way, here come Roco's angels

[illegible]



GALING PILIPINO'S LIGHT A TREE FOR UNITY

[illegible]

WEATHER FORECAST

Second FRONTPAGE

RP won't give Robot to Germans

By Gil C. Cabacungan, Jerome Aning and TJ Burgonio

MALACAÑANG has turned down a request from a German court to extradite captured Abu Sayyaf leader Galib Andang but has assured Germany that it would share all intelligence information obtained from the terrorist better known under his nom de guerre Commander Robot.



GALIB Andang: No extradition

Canada travel ban: What for?

No. 7 on kidnap wanted list falls

By Christian V. Esguerra

Low-cost housing: Give some, take some

GMA: Amnesty to cover political foes, too

Erap told: Don't spoil Christmas for cops, families

It's all up to the court, says GMA

Loony bets told: Please don't run



Politicians start getting NPA passes

Act of social justice

Pay thru ATM

NPA presence

Other fund sources dry up

Guns fall silent …

Release of captive soldiers

Suspicions

Complaints

Goodwill gestures

Define territories

Peace talks threatened

Truce monitoring

Palace boys buying 'Otso-otso' for GMA

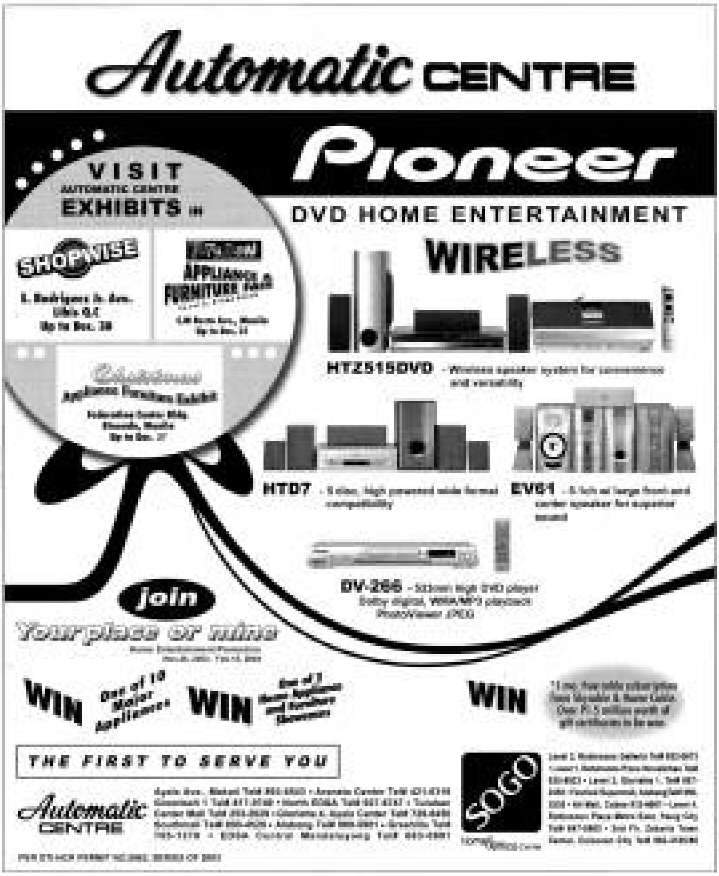
Work ethic

'Mr. Suave'





Gov't shipping execs in more trouble over tanker deal





CSC spies to keep civil servants honest

Bro. Eddie worries GMA

[illegible]

Collaboration, coalition

[illegible]

Remote possibility

[illegible]

Big loss if ...

[illegible]

5 million

[illegible]

Prayer for unity

[illegible]

Thumbs down

[illegible]



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Ople called a demigod, prophet, enigma

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Self-taught

[illegible]

Life well spent

[illegible]

Traveling light

[illegible]

Batman and Robin

[illegible]

Beyond words

[illegible]

Statesman for all

[illegible]

Necrological services

[illegible]

'FPJ, Ping run won't divide opposition'

[illegible]

Cracks showing

[illegible]

Unenthusiastic

[illegible]



PDI

[illegible]

Campaign mode

[illegible]

Weak leadership

[illegible]

Taken for granted

[illegible]

Make way, here come Roco's angels



ROCO

FVR people

Entire family

Courtship

No logic

The WORLD

Truck bomb blast kills 10 in Iraq



Shiites split on Saddam punishment

Saddam deserves death, says Bush

America's Asian allies step up plans to deploy troops in Iraq

Children of jailed extremists undergo training in terrorism

Taiwan scientist tests positive for SARS



WorldBriefs

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Belinda Olivarez-Cunanan

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Reclaimed area squatters

Across the NATION

GMA junks 'Jose Pidal' bid



ARROYO

John Hay exec says SC ruling to turn casino into a 'loser'

ROUNDUP

Mayor unhurt in blast

Fire razes P10M property

4 fishermen missing

DPWH to lay off 600

1 killed in Lucena fire

Bomb scare at GSIS

GMA sets key meet with govs, mayors on kidnap



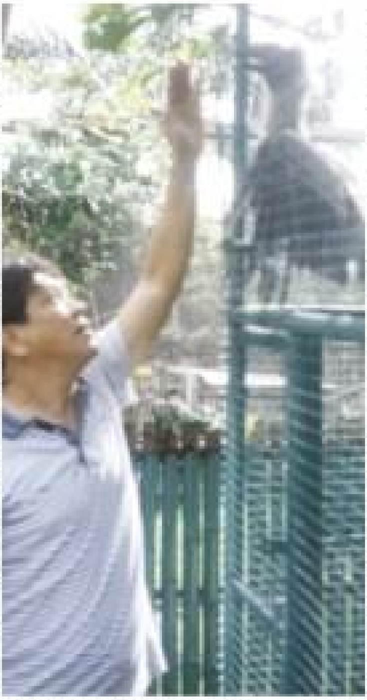
Alarm raised on overfishing

Gloria drops Gonzalez appointment as DOJ head

Graft raps recommended vs 24 Iloilo City officials

INQUIRER Southern Luzon

Subdivision kids learn from mini-zoo



BOTHERED by the realization that his own family have seen more exotic animals abroad but not those from the Philippines, a real estate developer and environmentalist in Lucena City has committed himself to a venture that aims to correct, if not balance, the situation.

Journalist rewrites Naga history

FOR THE first time in 55 years, Naga City did not celebrate its charter anniversary on Dec. 15 because, according to a local newspaperman, the date was a "historical error."

Sculptor finds beauty in Mayon rocks



THE rocks that Mayon Volcano expels when it erupts have become a blessing to people who have made use of their talents to produce things of beauty and function.

METROBRIEFS

Slay suspects held

[illegible]

Guard shot

[illegible]

Close shave

[illegible]

De Mesa; 48

[illegible]

New shabu warehouse found

By Christian Esguerra

POLICE yesterday [illegible]

Lacson asking concessions from FPJ

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo



[illegible]

Quick response team set up to secure malls

By Margaux Ortiz

[illegible]

Water cutoff in Navotas

[illegible]

FOUR DIGIT

2 6 1 5

SUERTRES

5 7 4

MEGALOTTO 6/45

6 22 26 31 38 45

METRO

FIRE CHIEF ISSUE

Lina orders probe

[illegible]

ANTI-VENDING DRIVE

Two police chiefs get ax

By Tarra Quismundo and [illegible]

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Xmas lures pols

[illegible]

LRT 2 to roll in '04

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SPORTS

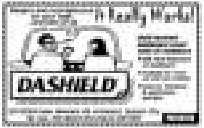
3-YEAR CONTRACT

Alaska keeps Peek for ₱12.6M

Ali Peek is now at the pinnacle of his career in the Philippine Basketball Association.



PEEK (right)





MANILA SEA GAMES

Dayrit lobbies for choice events



DAYRIT

Iverson out due to swollen knee



IVERSON wants to be on the injured list.

NBA ROUNDUP

Heat down Hawks, post 4th straight win

Welcoat seeks 1st semifinals slot

Alaska keeps Peek . . .



BECKHAM: One of Real Madrid's superstars.

SOCCER YEAR-ENDER

Oil tycoon steals limelight from Beckham, other stars



ABRAMOVICH

SPORTSWATCH

Tañacao fails in elimination bout

[illegible]

Woods picks up another award

[illegible]

Armstrong is tops for kids

[illegible]

Cage clinic goes on school tour

[illegible]

YKL cagers win Inter-Batch tilt

[illegible]

Holigan 4-cock derby on today

[illegible]

RACING TIPS

[illegible]



JUNGOLF BACKER

[illegible]



CHAMPION SQUAD

[illegible]

PABA TITLE FIGHT

Lunas, Surapol weigh-in

Salvan L. Lagonday

Contributor



LUNAS (left) and Surapol

DEFENDING Pan-Asia Boxing Association flyweight king Rolly Lunas will meet his challenger Pikrom Vor Surapol today when they take part in the official weigh-in at the Games and Amusements Board office in Makati City.

[illegible]

Monshipour keeps crown

[illegible] AP



MONSHIPOUR (left) lands a left to the face of Tagbaffero. AP

Duplex, ₱1M at stake in Baguio Rotary tilt

[illegible]

Eastridge leg of Samsung Amateur blasts off today

[illegible]

E. Ridge bash Saturday

[illegible]

ENTERTAINMENT

Sharon: I won't campaign for anyone

By Marinel R. Cruz

MEGASTAR Sharon Cuneta said she would not campaign for any presidential candidate in the 2004 elections.



'Lord, please make me 'payat''

THE MEGASTAR (left) who stars with Angel Aquino and Hilda Koronel in "Crying Ladies," (below) also wants a third baby.





"FANTASTIC MAN" vs Diabolika, played by Vic Sotto and Ara Mina

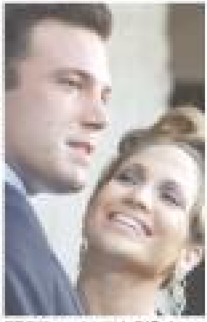
Bitoy portrays mad scientist with a twist

MULTIAWARDED TV comedian Michael V gives another hilarious performance in "Fantastic Man," ...



MICHAEL V: writer, designer

Ben, J Lo still together, he says



"I THINK we made a mistake," Affleck says



Williams brings laughter to Iraq

Human touch still needed in animation

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Maureen Larrazabal takes over Angelu's slot

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Aiko's birthday wish

Imelda at Sundance

Looking for Mr. Right



BIRTHDAY GIRL

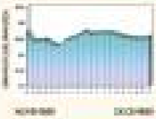
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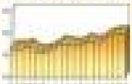
Moody's says RP far from 'fiscal crisis'

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STOCK MARKET

Share prices close flat





Gov't still expects 5.2% GDP growth in 2004

Poorest for the trees

BREAKTIME



Conrado R. Banal III

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Stanchart proposes settlement with SEC

UCPB board OKs business plan

PSE bans trading of stocks held by ACE





Moody's says RP far from 'fiscal crisis'

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LIFESTYLE

Dining, Hong Kong style /C2



Recipes for simple but delicious holiday meals

KITCHEN RESCUE



Anti Pasta with Pesto Vinaigrette

Prime Rib with Pepper Crust, Wine Gravy and Roasted Vegetables



ORTIGAS might as well be Hong Kong if your prime consideration is Chef Lai Pak Dong's specials, roast duck, chicken and pork included.

Dining, HONG KONG style



DIM SUM Combination



APPETIZER combination plate of Hong Kong pork asado, white chicken, soya chicken and roast duck.



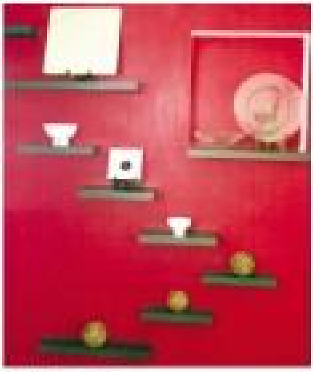
SHARKSFIN Soup



STEAMED Lapu-lapu



PEKING Duck roasted two-way



CHINESE [illegible]



PRAWN Bacon Roll

No need for Chinese lantern and dancing dragons at the Red Table—the Chinese flavor is all in the food



DEEP Fried Prawn in Szechuan Sauce



CONTEMPORARY interiors are a surprise in a restaurant that serves authentic Hong Kong cuisine.

THERE is no red table in this restaurant although it is named the Red Table (tel. 6375801). The owners of this Hong Kong style restaurant picked the color because it is the happiest and luckiest of colors among the Chinese, and it is their wish to make their place a starting point for, well, painting the town red.

No Chinese buntings or lanterns adorn the place, instead hanging from the red ceiling are kidney-shaped light boxes that give it a contemporary look. There are no Chinese brush paintings or dragons on the walls. A few Asian pottery pieces are displayed on shelves against a red wall, but you won't see them if you don't go to the tastefully designed restroom.

"Chinese restaurants even in Hong Kong no longer have traditional Chinese décor," says Kenneth [illegible], operations manager of the Red Table and part owner with his brothers [illegible], [illegible] and Dennis. "The Chinese flavor is all in the food."

Having observed that, the brothers decided to hire an authentic Hong Kongnder as chef. Lai Pak Dong, who manned the Makati Shangri-La kitchen for a time, now looks on at home standing next to the roast duck, chicken and pork window at the Red Table.

Guests don't really care if the kitchen god is the type who sanctions his staff with a butcher knife as long as he serves good food. But, luckily for the Red Table, its chef is a pleasant enough fellow who also doesn't fret about making an impression and just focuses on the menu. [illegible] that's been [illegible] who are used to things in Hong Kong for Chinese cuisine.

Many residents and employees in the Ortigas area have dropped in at the Red Table for lunch and dinner. Five function rooms are capable of seating up to 70 people for private meetings or parties. The Red Table can have a good-sized banquet (up to 120 people).

Chef Lai's specials include Prawn Bacon Roll, Crispy Seafood Roll, [illegible] and Chive with Sticky Rice, Spare Ribs Manila Style (not pork), Steamed Stuffed Broccoli Flower, Deep-Fried Prawns in Szechuan Sauce, Crispy Deep-Fried Fish Fillet, [illegible] Soup with Shredded Chicken and Mushroom, Cheese Fried Prawns and Shrimp [illegible].

Red Table presents duck in different ways: Roasted Peking Duck, Taro Duck, [illegible] with Braised Duck, Roast Duck on Rice and in combination. Its dim sum offerings are topped by [illegible] Steamed Green Hakaw, Scallop Dumpling, Seafood Roll, Beef Siomai and Shrimp [illegible].

Stellar among the seafood dishes are Abalone with Vegetable in Oyster Sauce, Abalone with Sea Cucumber in Oyster Sauce and Steamed Lapu-lapu.

Kenneth works in tandem with Gilbert [illegible] Garcia, who is food and beverage manager. Both are also in charge of the Congo Grill, the first restaurant that the [illegible] brothers opened when they decided to diversify in the food business.

Garcia joined the Congo Grill as chef after a stint as culinary instructor at Center for Culinary Arts. He seems to have mastered the balancing act with Kenneth because they seem to be always there to give suggestions to first-time guests or personally welcome back returning customers.

Red Table, located in El Pueblo Real de Manila, Ortigas Center, Pasig, is open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday to Sunday.

Special holiday buffets

DINING OUT



MAKATI Shangri-La's buffet spread



Recipes for simple but delicious holiday meals

Roasted Vegetables

Vanilla Ham with Cherry and Sultana Pecola

Torta de Leche Milk Cake

Cherry and Sultana Pecola

Response to letter from lactose-intolerant customers

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THE CONSUMER



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Feedback from readers

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Calling the Adboard

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